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PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTIONS.

The Cabinet meets on Tuesdays and Fridays at 12:30 p. m. Senators and Representatives in Congress

will be received by the President every day, except Mondays, from 10 until 12. Persons not members of Congress having business with the President will be received

from 12 until 1 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Those who have no business, but call merely to pay their respects, will be re-

ceived by the President in the East Room. at I p. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and

YESTERDAY'S NOMINATIONS. The Presidential nominations sent to the Senate vesterday were such as will bring no discredit upon the Administration, and such as, from a political point of view, were, perhaps, the wisest that could have been made. Robert Lincoln will not make such a Minister to England as did either Lowell or Phelps, but a patriotic sentiment attaches to the name he is fortunate enough to wear, and the nomination throughout the country will be generally approved. Robert Lincoln is perhaps more his mother's than his father's son, but that the average man outside of Chicago does not know. He will not make a bad representative abroad. Of the other nominations it may be said that they

were admirable in every way. President Harrison shows daily that he is the Administration. He pursues the one course he deems right and does not appear so much swayed by advice, good or bad, as many an other President has been. If his strength of character was at any time doubted that impression has been removed.

WATTERSON AND HALSTEAD. Henry Watterson, as is his way, speaks generously and justly of the diplomatic nominations of President Harrison. He sets an example in striking contrast to that of many other edi tors of both parties.

Especially does Mr. Watterson say good words of the appointment of Mr. Murat Halstead as Minister to Germany. This is proper, too. Mr. Halstead, though sometimes rough in his earnestness, is honest and able. The only real crime of his life, from a journalastic point of view, was the publication of hat remarkable sheet, the New York Ketra during the Presidential cam-

AN ILLINOIS CASE.

The State Medical Board of Illinois or whatever may be the title of the body there which regulates the standing of physicians, lately proposed to deprive of his diploma a doctor who advertised. He appealed to the courts, and the captious board has been set down upon with great emphasis.

There is a great deal of nonsense in any endeavor to still maintain what was at one time the ethics of the medical profession. Conditions have changed and the needs of physicians have changed. As knowledge has increased in the profession its members have devoted themselves to the study of special diseases, and no one man assumes to be equal to any other in the treatment o any sort of case. The necessity for some sort of advertising is greater than it was at one time, and a common law of trade is exerting itself. To maintain the dignity of a profession is a good thing, to be hypocritical as to wha affects that dignity is another.

MRS. HARRISON'S SERVANTS.

Our esteemed contemporary, the New York Herald, attempts indirectly to make political capital out of the fact that Mrs. Harrison has discharged the colored servants at the White House and replaced them with white servants The Herald should stay its vandal hand. This sort of thing is purely domestic and has absolutely nothing to do with politics nor the relation of the Republi can party, socially or otherwise, with the colored people. It is nothing more than the assertion of a woman's supremacy in her own house, and the Herald or no other man certainly has no right to interefere with her. That's one place at least where man has given woman about all the rights she wants

It is very easy to understand, too, why Mrs. Harrison should prefer white servants. She is a purely North ern woman, and, as a rule, Northern women are not accustomed to colored help and do not like it. Nor do colored servants like Northern mistresses, and almost invariably will they leave Northern families to go to those from the South. Excellent servants in Southern families are often almost worthless in Northern families, and no good reason can be given for it. Frequently the cause is that the Northern mistress requires a greater activity and tidiness in ber servants, but this does not always hold, for the Southern mistress is often

very exacting. There is a very nice ethnologic point involved in this peculiar relation of the negro to the whites in America. For nce, in the old times a negro slave, while in the abstract be might admire the Massachusetts Abolitionist and

WASHINGTON CRITIC ing in his behalf, yet when it came to a question of personal choice, would not hesitate to give his Southern oppresso and owner the preference as his friend and protector.

It is true in less degree to-day, and the colored people will invariably go to Southern people when they live in a town where there is the possibility of a

Nor is it any reflection on anybody. nor is it in any degree political. It is ethnologic, personal and domestic, and, in the case of Mrs. Harrison, exactly what might be expected, and directly in line with her right to do just as she pleased. There are servants and servants and mistresses and mistresses. and the best servant to the best mistress is the result not of absolute personal perfection on the part of either, but of the mutual adaptability of employer and employe, be they black, white, red

The New York Herald has it now in black and white, and it is to be hoped that it will permit Mrs. Harrison to keep house as best suits Mrs. Harison, 1

THE TREATMENT OF ANARCHISTS. An incident of late occurrence in the Indiana Female Reformatory suggests a treatment for Anarchists, which would, no doubt, reform half of them. There was a revolt in the reformatory, and the women, armed with knives defied the keepers. They were threatened with cold water from a bose, and at once

surrendered. The criminal, male or female, is not addicted to over-cleanliness. The criminal does not like water, and of all classes of evil-doers the Anarchist seems to object to water most. Suppose the law were that any one convicted of Anarchistic acts should be daily, during the period of his incarceration, subjected to a magnificent washing from a hose. What blatant agitator from over seas would risk such a sentence as that? The suggestion of the Indiana incident seems worthy of gravest consideration.

THE REPUBLICANS of Chicago and St. Louis have, in each instance, nominated for Mayer good, solid men, not especially popular. The outcome is awaited with interest, not unmixed with anxiety, in the cities named.

CRITICULAR.

Mr. Harrison should have sent Rice to

Editors are being recognized officially. The President is a pious man, who doesn't propose to see the writeous forsaken.

Colonel Grant and Mr. Lineo'n will represent their Fatherland abroad. If any foreign authority attempts to im-

pose upon our editorial diplomats they will proceed at once to "raise a club." On Newspaper Row: "Mr. Harrison should have sent Patrick Egan as Minister to England instead of to

Chili," said Major Carson last night. "It's just the same thing," replied Colonel

questioningly. "Because," said the Colonel, amidst sad, sweet smile, "England would have been chilly when Patrick got there."

This was followed by a thull dud.

Wife (laying down her newspaper): I have just read that Chauncey Depew, the popu-lar speaker, suffers from stage fright. Husband (proprietor of an omnibus line): Of course he does. That's because he is in the railroad business, my dear.

WEIGHT AWRILE. Now, listen, all you reckless men, While we this point must make: The lighter is the overcoat, The heavier cold you take.

Journalists as Ambassadors

(New York Herald.) The present Administration has shown oce in the diplomatic skill of journalists by nominating an unusual num-ber of the profession to important foreign places. To Mr. Whitelaw Reid of the New York Tribune as Minister to France and Mr. John C. New of the Indianapolis Journal as Consul-General at London, Mr. Harrison yesterday added Mr. M. Halstead of the Cincinnati Commercial-Ga-zette as Minister to Berlin, Mr. Thorndyke Rice of the North American Review as Minister to St. Petersburg and Mr. John Hicks of the Oshkosh Northwestern as Minister to Peru. If we cannot claim Me George B. Loring, Minister to Lisbon, as a journalist, he is still an author and ready

writer on many subjects. Thus "the press" is well remembered in the distribution of prizes, which is right and proper, and shows that the new Admir stration now has a pleasant regard for its most intelligent and deserving friends.

It Works Both Ways,

The labor organizations in New York succeeded recently in persuading the Legislature to pass a law against black-listing. The bill was slightly amended to final passage, and the words "by employers' struck out. The effect of the measure is scarcely what its promoters in tended, for the first case under the new law has resulted in the fining of a labor organ ization for black-listing a disobedient

[San Francisco Alta.] President Harrison thinks of abolishing andshaking at his receptions. He does not mind a common dry shake, but the habit of the hoosiers who call is to spit in their hands before they grab his. This keeps him wiping tobacco juice on his pants, and it is unpleasant.

It Was Proper.

(Chicago News.)
It was perfectly proper for Presiden Harrison to affix the great seal of the United States to his Behring Sea proclamation. The great seal of the United State is commonly caught in those waters.

The Disgraceful Scramble.

Observant-Oh, there is no use it talking, the greed for office is a disgrace upon our system of government. Now ust look at the headlong and shameless rush here in Washington. Every train brings in a scrambling horde. How long have you been here, Reform? Mr. Reform-About two weeks. When

"Several weeks ago. Isn't this greed for "Awful, Have you seen the President

'For a few moments, only. Have you "No; haven't been able to get in. By the way, what are you after?" office at Milksick. What lay are you on?"

Postoffice at Smartweed, but I don't see much chance. These office-seekers shove a fellow about so, and crowd in shead of him in such violation of all politoness that there is no chance, except for the while in the abstract he might admire headling pusher. Come, the doors are the Massachusetts Abolitionist and thoroughly appreciate what he has do-

THE TOWN'S PHOTOGRAPH

Mrs. Genie H. Rosenfeld, the wife of the famous young dramatist, Sydney Rosenfeld, is visiting Washington for several days for the purpose of consulting Dr. Elliott Coues upon some mysteries of theosophy. Like her brilliant husband Mrs. Rosenfeld is a successful author and has just sold her latest effort, a theosophic novel, to a New York sublisher. Mrs. Rosenfeld is an ardent stulent of occultism and this new novel is profoundly theosophical, mesmeric and myste rious. She is young and gifted, and with a tremendous capacity for labor, and her rierds believe she has a wonderful future before her. Mr. Sydney Rosenfeld is writ-ing a play called "A Dear Delusion," which is said to be the keenest satire upon theo-sophical fads and fancies ever published and calculated to bring Mme. Blaratsky and her Astral Mahatmas on the war-path for his scalp.

The appointment of Mr. Robert V. Belt o the office of Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs is one of merit and accepta bility. Mr. Belt was a gallant Union sol dier, appointed to a place in the Interior Department in 1882, and holding through the late Democratic Administration sponsible position of Chief of the Indian Division in the office of the Secretary. He was the intermediate man between the Secretary and the Indian Department, and perhaps more thoroughly conversant with Indian affairs than any other individual attached to the Government service. He is entirely familiar, not only with the geogra-phy of all the reserved Indian lands, but with every issue that has arisen between the Government and the several tribes furing the last quarter of a century. In fact, he is an encyclopedia of Indian knowledge, a close, careful observer of the wants and necessities of the tribes and thoroughly just and honorable intermediary in their behalf. In this appointment his ability and faithful service have not only been regarded, but the best interests of the Government and of the Indians have been subserved. It is not a merely political ap-pointment, because while Mr. Belt has always been a pronounced Republican he is in no sense an ordinary politician.

One of the bright young fellows who have just completed their firs term in Congress, and are to servel in the next House of Representatives, was in the Astor House yesterday. His name is Myron B. Wright, and he comes from the old Susquebanna district in Pennsylvania, which was formerly represented by David Wilmot, later on by Galusha A. Grow, and which only once since the Republican party was organized sent a Democrat to Congress, in the Person of George A. Post, me four years ago. Mr. Wright has followed the custom of keeping rather quiet in Congress during the first year on the floor of the House, so the public has heard but little about him as regards his services to the nation. He has, however, made a repu tation among the sociable men in the House, who always secure what they want in the way of legislation, and do it without making long speeches on the subject or creating antagonisms. He is a noted fisher-man, and spends his summers at Alexau-dria Bay, among the thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence, where he has an elegant yacht. He and a coterie of members, made up of John Kean of New Jersey, General Harry Bingham of Philadelphia, William Walter Phelps, Perry Belmont, William S. Crain of Texas and half a dozen others belonging to both parties, have had more solid enjoyment out of that yacht and Mr. Wright's little house on one of the islands than the world at large ever saspected .- [N. Y. Star.

Among the able and brilliant Kentuckians of Republican persuasion now in Washington, and probably the "pick" of southern Republicans come from Kentucky, is the Hon. Wm. O. Bradley, who is here looking over the field, and "not by no means" after anything bimself. Mr. Bradley is a politician of the highest type, to His law practice is very large and lucrative and he cannot afford to take any office tha comes along as a reward for his services Among Kentucky people and politician Mr. Bradley is a power, and a most pop ular one, and his race for Governor and hi disturbance of the time-tried traditions of Kentucky Democracy, which make the possbilities of a political earthquake in the grand old Commonwealth not entirely out of the question. Mr. Bradley is a "mighty good fellow" socially, and there is enoug quehine in his nature to make the honey suckles bloom about his face in December

They are laughing at Colonel B. at Chamberlin's and about the up-town clubs over a story that a recent arrival in the city is telling on bim. Colonel B. commanded the Twelfth New York during the war, an like too many good soldiers he liked whisky. But the "sutler" whisky they got n camp was far from being to the Co. taste, and he had made an arrangement hi which he received from his brother back a home a couple of demijohns of a better quality at regular intervals when communi

One day the demijohns arrived while the clonel was from camp. In his absence his brother officers stole the whisky and refilled the demijohus with water. The colonel came back from his day's trip and invited his brother officers to his tent to partake of his whisky, vividly painting to them its superiority to "Suiler rot-gut."

The joka was on the Colonel and he said

that he knew that it was a joke on some body's part, and, moreover, that he would shoot the joker on sight, if he ever found had forgotten all about the circumstance until one of his old comrades-in-arms came here and recalled it a few days ago.

Punctuality is enjoined upon the occupants of the White House at meal times and the President never fails to ask a bless ing before sitting down with the family to breakfast. This repast is served at 8:45 and t is generally the wish of the President to be in his office by 10 o'clock. Occasionally however, when he has a special appoint ment before that hour he will hurry through his breakfast and get into the library Luncheon is served at 1:30 o'clock in the permitting, at 4 o'clock the President leave the White House for a constitutional and it is only upon rare or State occasions tha he will consent to use the carriage.

A spirit communication through an Indian acdium with the late Thomas Hendrick proves conclusively that Mr. Hendricks is in Henven .- [Washington Chirtie.

As Mr. Hendricks lived a conscientiou oporable and upright life in this world. and as he was a member in good standing of the Protestant Episcopal Church, it requires no spirit medium to establish the orabability that he is happy in the other

But, while the spirit of mediums are thus affirming things which no one can contra-dict, why don't they pay some attention to physician in Brooklyn, who offers \$500 if they will tell what words are on a little piece of paper that he will hold in his hand before them!-[New York Sun.

MATTER WORTH READING

Election Returns Sixty Years Ago. Just sixty years ago Jackson's first elec-tion took place, and I find by reference to Niles' Register that the details were uncertain so late as the 24th of the following De cember. This fact is given in the followi

"A letter from a member of the commit tee of Pittsburg, dated December 24, to a friend says that a reply has just been received from General Jackson. He states that it would give him great pleasure to ac cept our invitation, but he thought any ar rangement relative to it should be deferred mtil the result of the election was perfeetly ascertained. Then, if the circum stances permitted, he would be happy to become the guest of our city."

The above paragraph appeared in Niles' Register of January 10, 1829, more than two nonths after the election. The result, however, had been conjectured as early as the 22d of November, and the Register of that date says: "Not heard from-Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Illinois and Missouri, all of which but Rhode Island and Louisiana are conceded to Jackson, so that he will be elected by a very large majority. We shall at some future period present a full tabular statement showing all the votes in the several States."-[New York Correspondence Troy Times.

Women Journalists of Mexico It is a most gratifying indication of the growth of intellect among the women of the country that many of them are entering journalism. There are several journals written exclusively by women, and one of these, Violetas del Anahuac, is very well gotten up and excellently written. Woman's Album is a strictly feminine publication, read all over the Republic. title in Spanish is Album de la Mujer. editor is a woman. Mme. Testa, an acwrites regularly for the press, and her brilliant pen is much in demand. Among Mexican women writers I note a remark able gift of expression and a good com-mand of the rich and varied resources of that Hinguistic storehouse, the Spanish language, a far richer idiom than English and American writers suspect, though a few men, like Mr. Hewell and Mr. John Hay, know well the worth of synonyms and of phrase which the tongue of Cervantes offers. It is the brightest sign of the times here, this entrance into the press of mexican women. I am sure every masculine member of the press most cordially welcomes them .- [Mexico letter to Boston Herald.

It Took Time. A well-known druggist in Chicago makes an occasional flying visit to his old New England home. His brother's ambi-tion is satisfied with the proprietorship of a small pharmacy in the little town, and when the Chicago man alights from the train at the dun-colored station he makes a bee line for his brother's place. All of the loungers and small boys in the place like him, and his greeting is always cordial. His brother's drug shop occupies half of a store on the main street of the small village and is separated from the grocery store by a half partition of boards. On the occasion of his last visit East he was greeting his brother affectionately when the young son of the grocer, who knew his voice, climbed up on the partition, gave him a boyish welcome, and asked him if he would not like a glass of nice cider. He replied that he would if it was good cider. disappeared. About an hour later he returned with the glass of cider. Meantime the Chicago man had forgotten all about it, but he quaffed it with a gulp, smacked his lips, and then said: "That's mighty good, Jimmy, but you were a long time getting it." "Of course I was a long replied Jimmy, "cause I had to

suck it all through a straw." Avoiding Unwelcome Callers. A Philadelphia business man has hit upon a novel scheme for avoiding unwelcome callers. He has placed a detective camera directly opposite the door of his office. When a visitor enters, the office boy, a bright lad and well schooled in the diplo-macy of his profession, turns the knob and takes an instantaneous photograph of the intruder. This is developed and forms one of a collection of undesirable visitors, which is kept in a book for the boy's in to waste others' time collectors with bills that they wish paid and the thousand and average business man form the basis of this unique collection. - [Philadelphia

Times. The Oldest Piece of Iron. The oldest pieces of wrought iron now known are probably the sickle blade found by Belzoni under the base of a sphinx in Karnac, near Thebes; the blade found by Colonel Vyse, imbedded in the masonry of the great pyramids; the portion of a crosscut saw exhumed at Nimrod by Mr. Layard-all of which are now in the British Museum. A wrought bar of Damaseu steel was presented by King Porus to Alexander the Great, and the razor steel of China for many centuries has surpassed al European steel in temper and durability of edge. The Hindoos appear to have made wrought iron directly from the ore, without assing it through the furnace, from time immemorial, and elaborately wrought masses of iron are still found in India, which date from the early centuries of the Christian era

The Rice Lily's Ways. A lovely flower, called the rice lily, grow thickly in parts of southwestern Georgia. It is extremely sensitive to the light. The blossoms fold up at night, but open in the morning. At night, while the lovely white blossoms are closely enfolded in their purple covering and the flowers are asleep, if a lamp is placed near them they will gradually open and turn toward it. If a strong light is placed on one side of the vase containing them, the half of the boquet that faces the lamp will be unfolded, while the other half that is in the shadow will remain tightly

An Hereditary Jewel, Among the heriditary jewels belonging t Duke of Cumberland are Queen Charlotte's pearls, valued at \$750,000, about which, for twenty years, Queen Victoria and the Hauverian king quarreled with majesterial lignity. The queen maintained they be onged by right to England. The King in sisted they should have been sent to Han over in 1837, on the death of William IV The other jewels belonging to the Duke are valued at \$2,000,000. His gold and diver plate weighs twelve tons.

Fair Australians Troubled. Protective duties between the various Australian colonies make trouble for the women who have been accustomed to send to Melbourne for their dresses. A Tasmanian banker's wife, recently ordering a new gown, told the dressmaker to be sure and have one of the girls wear it for half an nour or so, and to put some old ruffling about the neck, so that it should appear to e an old dress and not liable to duty

Something of a Puzzler.

(Chicago Herald.) A Chicago minister thinks insanity largely due to a disbellef in a future state. This is a sort of hell-fire argument and ought to be effective with impressionable people. But what will be said of those who owe their insanity directly to religious excitement? How will the reverend gentleman expl sin that?

PRIZE CONUNDRUM CONTEST.

The conundrum contest in THE CRITIC, pleasant as it has been, must close with the present week. The many contributors to the column and those who have intended to contribute must bear the fact in mind. and that all conundrums for the department should be sent in before Friday noon at latest. Announcement of the award will be made early next week.

College Men and Druggists. What is the strong point of resemblance between a druggist and Georgetown Col-lege? Both have their alumni (alum nigh).

What piece of statuary in the Corcoran Art Gallery reminds one forcibly of Mrs. Lockwood's defeat in the last Presidential election? Apollo Belvedere (A poll O! Belva dear). Like a Funny Man.

What humorist will Mr. Lampton resem ble when he gives the prize for the best batch of conundrums? A. Ward. A Domestie One. When is a broom entitled to sympathy? When it's weeping. Local, Too.

What is the difference between a ball layer at the bat and a small boy? One its at a ball: the other bawls at a hit.

Not Hard To Guess, Why are the boys who walt on the Sens ors like the leaves of a book? Because both are pages. When He's Unmanned-Why is a sad man not a man? Because

e is a wo(e)man. Common Property. Why is the atmosphere like Cornelius Vanderbilt? Because it's air (heir) to

is the fraction 1-20 like a five-cen plece? Because its one-fifth of a quarter. When is a clock like a dissatisfied work

man? When it is about to strike. Complicated, but True What is the difference in the trunks of an elephant, a certain kind of tree and a traveling man? An elephant's trunk is made to slash; the tree's trunk is made of ash.

Brought from Afar. Why is a bad poem like its author? cause it is a write-err (writer.) One Reason,
Why is THE CRITIC the best paper in

and the traveling man's trunk is made to

Washington? Because no matter how good the others may be THE CRITIC can still A Vast Difference. What is the difference between a youn

maid of sixteen and an old maid of sixty

One is careless and happy and the other is hairless and cappy. Contributors to this column should un derstand that the communications sent in are passed upon before being placed in the hands of the printers. Little attention is paid to the order in which they appear here that being, after their exami eredit, a matter of no importance. Hence it may have chanced that some of the conundrums published have come out over

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the wrong name or initials.

[Communications on any matter of current interest will be cheerfully printed in The Curre under this head. Letters should in all cases be as brief as possible. "The Title Nonsens

WASHINGTON, March 27 .- Editor Critic In treating on this subject a writer in the Post a short time ago contended, if my nemory serves me, that all titles should b ignored. As a general rule, I should be villing to have almost everybody addresse as plain "Mister," but there are occasions not infrequently, when the title of "Honorable," "Esquire," etc., is very necessary in addressing a letter in order to secure proper delivery. For instance, there is John Brown, who, according to retom, is entitled to be addressed as "Honorable," and there is another gentleman of the same name and place who never as "Mister." In a case like this, where i tion to giving the first-named the title which he is supposed to have fairly and honorably carned? Of course, no one should be addressed by any title which is custom. It is a pity some plan could not bave been devised to avoid the confusion by the mixing of doctors, and the same with regard to professors. We have M. D.'s, D. D.'s and LL. D.'s, but no way to dis tinguish one from the other unless acquainted with them, when each is, as usual,

addressed as "Doctor."

We are introduced to Professor Jones nd we do not know whether he is a colle giate professor, a professor of music or of something else. There is one other criticlam I would make, and that is regarding the utter impropriety of dubbing every gentleman as "General" who happens to hold or has once held the office of Postmaster-General, Attorney-General, This is an absurd custom indulged in by most persons yielding to it under the imare as fully entitled to the appellation as are generals of the army. This custom, I think, has not long been in vogue. Whe ever heard of General Benjamin Franklin, Jeneral Amos Kendall, General Nathan K. Hall or General James Campbell? alt of whom and many others we might cite were

MISTER EX-POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

AN INTERVIEW.

The steamship Wingates recently brough 700 tons of bones gathered in the Desert of Sahara to this port for use as fertilizi They speak in hollow tones, Grimly, with grewsome groans, Seven hundred tons of bones

Brought from Sahara;

Bleaching in sand waste found

Now for new uses bound: To fertilize the ground And make flowers fairer Speaks a slim shin bone there 'I bore a maiden fair With wealth of midnight hair By the Bosphorus: She was a Caliph's bride, Softly the suitors sighed

Swelling their chorus. Att for the hour youngt HAPIZ of her had sung-Even her golden tongue Did her injustice: All for the fatal hour Spoiled of its fairest flower-Her beauty dust is!

Plaintive the bulbul cried,

Not by the close bowstring Died sho-a flercer thing, Meet for her transgressing Sold in a band of slaves-Seven times socursed knaves Left her 'mid sandy graves-Flow, tears, and faster! -[New York Evening Sun.

BIJOU THEATER-Hoodman Blind.

FOR THE FLOWER LOVERS.

CARROLLTON, MICH., March 20 .- Editor Critic: Have you space to spare for a short floral chat? I am so very domestic I fear my literary talent will not be very impressive, to say the least, and while sitting by the table, pen in hand, and trying to look for some Eastern paper, sits opposite me, looks around, says: "Well, sis, what now?" The idea of calling me six-me, who soon expects to see my name in print. "Going to write for a paper," I replied, half defi-antly. "Are you?" he replied, with a quiz-ical expression. "Well, then, keep to your subject; remember a woman's failing; don't ramble, but keep to your subject." After this free delivery of unwelcomed advice he sgain turned to his book and I to

my thoughts,
A subject? Why of course I must have a subject, and what one more appropriate for this time of the year than flowers? I wonder how many of our would-be flower lovers can take up one of the finely illustrated seed catalogues which our leading seedsmen send us and tell just what they How many there are who for want of

knowledge, or rather the lack of it, find their efforts in floriculture a comparative What city in the far Northwest reminds one of a laundry wagon? Tacoma, Wash. fallure; for it is indeed very annoying to sow and plant. Then to learn as the season advances you have only the early sorts that soon flower, and are gone and nothing remains but dead dried stalks for the last half of the season. Again, how disap-pointing it is to plant some low growing variety in the centre of a bed, like phlox or alyssum, and then border with some tall sort like zinnias, thus hiding from view those in the center, spoiling what might have been a thing of beauty the whole summer. Some are dissappointed this way and learn that "experience is a dea teacher," and ignorance is not always bliss. It is with a desire to aid the new beginners that I am penning these lines.

If a large collection is wanted it does not

make so much difference what kinds are chosen, but if only a few are wanted great care should be exercised to select only those that give the most flowers and remain the longest time in bloom. Ageratum is a pretty little Mexican plant of easiest culture. The flowers are a sky blue, freely produced and continue in bloom until frost. It is much prized by our florists for bouquets. The Ageratum is well adapted for heuse culture. Adonis is another desirable snmusl. The foliage is fine-cut and pretty. The flowers, a brilliant red, look like so many coals of fire nestled down among the foliage, Scabasa, phlox, catchfly, mignonette, candytuft and petunias are all good flowering sorts for a small garden. Phlox is one of the very best varieties for all purposes. Petunias excel all others for fragrance. The only short-blooming sort mentioned is the candytuft, of which two sowings should be made to insure their lovely pure white flowers until frost. With the above-named varieties of flowers a very pretty small garden may be made at the expense of the seed, which is trifling. Calendula (metor) is a lovely plant. The flowers are very double, a dead orange and ellow color, and freely produced until

Did you ever grow the new mignonette parson's tree), if not you should give it trial this year, it is the grandest variety of all the mignonettes. The plant grows about two feet high, is of erect habits, the foliage is deep cut and pretty for bouquets, as are the flowers, which are borne on long pikes six to eight inches in length, and are exquisitely fragrant. Another new flower is the miribilis (longiflors), the flower trumpets are une inches in length, of a pure waxy white, and very fragrant. It is difficult to recognize this plant as belong-ing to the 4 o'clocks, so distinct a variety

Do not think I am more in favor of nev lowers to the discarding of the old ones Not so. I believe in growing the good old sorts and as many of the new ones as have been thoroughly tried and found worthy of cultivation. Brachycome is a lovely annual, and but little known. By some it is called the Swap River Daisy, and it is a daisy. Its pretty blue and white flowers are so freely produced as to almost cover the entire foliage from view. The Brachycome is a native of Australia, where it grows wild on the banks of the rivers. Whitlava and Phacelia are pretty flowers whitava and Phacein are protty lowers, only early bloomers. The last two named will serve a double purpose to those who keep honey bees, as the bees are particularly fond of them. Some of our large Avery keepers sow fields of the Phacella for bee food. For a ribbon bed sow Phlox, red, white and blue. Sow separate colors in each row. A few plants of the stately seach row. A rew plant to the grounds dicinus add a tropical look to the grounds Perilla is a lovely foliage plant. else like it. The leaves are a dark metall: bronze, and very pretty. Do you know the pretty Oak Geranium, which we so care-fully cultivate indoors, is a perfectly hardy annual, and is fine for bordering? I will give anyone some of the Oak Geranium ged who would like to try it, as I have an extra large box of the seed I saved from our Geranium hedge of last year; but they must not forget to send a stamp to pay the postage. Euphorbia is another pretty oliage plant. It grows about three fee high, and has the prettiest effect when grown mass. The leaves are a lively green margined with white. Glancium is a dwarf plant, and well suited for bordering. The olisge is a silvery white and quite showy. For a carpet bed nothing can excel for a brilliant display the many-bued Portulacas. They are one complete blaze of colors the whole season. No sun too hot or soil too dry for this little Salamander; but like the un dial, it courts only the bright hours.

Ladies complain of their zinnias, and un deservedly blame our seedsmen, saying they sent for double seed. Of course they did. Who ever heard of single sinnis seed being advertised? The trouble was they did not remove the first blossoms, which always come single from the best of seed. These single flewers must be picked off every day until they begin to come double, when they will have as handsome a bed of zinnias as they could desire. A few vines are always in every well-arranged flower garden. Perhaps the best known is the morning glory, but for some purposes, such as cover-ing unsightly objects, the gourds are a bet-ter covering. For a shady situation sow cardisperomum or balloon vine, so called from the curious inflated capsules which hang from the vine like so many great puff balls. Cypre-s vine is a delicate climber. The foliage is very fine, and the star-shaped flowers, a brilliant scarlet, are very showy. Cultivate flowers and do not be afraid to pick them. It is not the blooming that exhausts the vitality of the plants, but the ripening of the seed. So use your flowers, for what is nicer than to be able to pick a sumptuous bouquet for a departing guest. Would they like some flower seeds? I will give them some if they will pay the postage. I always gather so many more flower seeds than I need, it seems such a pity to let them go to waste. I have a big box, or rather an old trunk, that is full of parcels and packages of flower seeds, so if they want some send me one-half dozen two-cent stamps for postage and packing and I will sen them fifteen or twenty different kinds of flower seed. Any one is welcome to send for them. If this sees print I may ventur agrain. MAUD E. MAXWELL.

BERCHAM's PILLS act like magic on a weak

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL. Mrs. Blaine was not at home to caller Mrs. Endlectt will be at home to callers this afternoon General and Mrs. Black will be at Wil-

lard's until to-morrow morning. Senator Stockbridge gives a dinner to a party of gentlemen this afternoon.

Mrs. Senator Cockrell gave a lunched

yesterday in honor of Mrs. Fairchild. General J. C. Black and Mrs. Black will be at Willard's until to-morrow morning.

Mrs. Van Renssalaer Berry gives a rece tion this evening in honor of Mrs. Endicott. A cablegram announces the arrival of Mr. Stilson Hutchins and party at Queenstown esterday.

Representative Lee of Virginia is so far recovered that he was able to take a short drive yesterday. Ex-Postmaster-General and Mrs. Dicken

son are now living at the Arlington, where

they will reside until May, when they re turn to Detroit. The engagement of Miss Daisy Stuart and Mr. Liebigs of Colorado is aunounced. Miss Stuart is at present in New York where she will remain for some time visit

ing friends. This evening a german will be given the new club-rooms of the Washington Inn. Mrs. Howland of New York will act as hostess and the occasion promises to be a very brilltant one.

Mrs. Harrison bus again taken cold and was not so well yesterday. Minister and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid and Secretary and Mrs. Blaine diped at the White House with the

President last evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ewaldus L. Berry leave tomorrow morning for Little Rock, where they will remain until next autumn, when they go to New York for a few months, re-

turning to this city about December 1.
Miss Mollie Amiss, the daughter Lieutenant Amiss of the First Precinct was united in marriage last evening to Mr. Harry E. Mockbee of this city. The cer mony was performed by Rev. Dr. Little at the residence of the bride's parents on Vermont avenue. The police pepartment was well represented, Major Moore being

mong the guests. Miss Margaretta Cameron and John Wil-liam. Clark were married at Senator Cameron's Harrisburg residence at noon to day by Rev. George S. Chambers, pastor of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Harris burg. The ceremony was witnessed by the relatives only, and was followed by a reception. Several hundred elegant bridal gifts were received, those from the Clark relatives resident in Scotland teing of particular beauty and value.

The last days of the tea at the Art Loan Exhibition are proving the most enjoyable of the series. Among the ladies who pre sided over the tables were Mrs. Dawes Mrs. Senator Hoar, Mrs. General Poe, Mis-Dawes, Miss Porter and Miss Natilie Berry The singing of Miss Rodenstein, with plano accompaniment of Miss Aileen Bell added greatly to the enjoyment of those present. To-night the entertainments will concert beginning at 8 o'clock. The musi Franz Abt Club, the Gounod Ladles Quar tette, Mrs. Powell, Miss Mattingly, Miss foore, Mile. Erni, Miss Hallie English and Mr. Herndon Morsell.

Mrs. Thomas Wanamaker received yesterday at the elegant residence of th Postmaster-General. She was assisted by Miss Johnson, an intimate friend of the family from Philadelphia. One of the greatest attractions was the collection of aintings which has just been transpor from the old home, and an admiring throug of visitors stood about them the entire afternoon. They at present occupy tem porary positions on the stage of the big ball-room, but will be hung in the gallery in a few days. Among the most admired is in a few days. Among the most admired is a large painting by Munkarsy, and Gerome is also represented by a number of master-pieces. Mr. Wanamaker returned from his office in time to assist his daughter-in law at the reception. Mrs. Welsh returned yesterday to her home in Philadelphia.

Other Attempts Recalled. The Baltimore American says regarding the alleged plot to capture Mr. Robert Garrett and party: "The plot to capture Mr. Garrett recalls a similar scheme of the Arizona cowboys to make a prisoner of ex-President Hayes and General Sherman when they were swinging around the circle toward the close of Mr. Hayes' term. It was currently reported at the time that the capture of the distinguished travelers was to be attempted while they were staging that portion of the route between Deming. New Mexico, and the terminus of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, which at that time had not been completed. The report of the plot having come to the knowledge of the Fresident's friends, they at once applied for and received an escort of a body of cavalrymen then stationed at Fort Bowle, who saw the party safely through the territory named above. During the progress of the journey a band of cowboys made their appearance, but becoming alarmed by the presence of the cavalrymen, they attempted no assault.

"When Senater Fair, the bonanza king of California, returned from Washington to San Francisco, about seven years ago, it was known that a plot had been formed to kidnap him and hold him for a ransom. He took the Lower California route, and passed safely through San Simon, however, the point at which the attack was to have been made. From there his captors intended to take him to Sonora, thence to the Sierra Madres. These mountains, it is well known, are for the most part inacceasible, so that Senator Fair's rescue would have been almost impossible. Why the plot miscarried has never been learned." New Mexico, and the terminus of

In Memory of Editor Dawson

A notable mass-meeting was held last night in Charleston in memory of the late Captain Dawson, the editor of the News and Courier, who was assassinated by Dr. Mc-Dow. A number of famous speakers de-livered culogies of the deceased.

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oth year of his age.
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